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## NEWS FROM OUR FIGHTING MEN

H. A. Lake. I have been trying to find time to write ever since I settled here but time is the scarcest thing I have right now....When I got up here some one in Headquarters had dug up the fact that I had experience with correspondence and I was ordered to report to the Director of Dependency Benefits. Upon reporting the Director informed me he had been trying to get someone with my qualifications for over 2 months and started me right off. This is a large and fast growing organization with about 9,000 employees now and taking more on as fast as possible. I have a division of 600 correspondents (subject to the supervision of an old Army Colonel) men and women working in two shifts....I am living at the Newark Athletic Club which is just four blocks from the office....We can't smoke in the office and the first 2 days I nearly died. Don't get my coffee either.

Harold Walker. Five of us from Ft. Leavenworth were sent to Camp Callen and we arrived here at 1 a.m. Sunday after a long journey beginning on the 31st. The camp is located on the Pacific about 15 miles north of San Diego and covers a large area. This is supposed to be the start of the rainy season here, but so far the weather has been fine and cool enough at night for excellent sleeping. In addition to the location, the grass and flowers and newness of the camp add to its appearance.

Take it from me, if this camp is any example don't look for an easy berth in the army. We arise about 5:30 a.m. and are kept busy until we go to bed at 9 p.m. Theoretically, we are thru at 5 p.m., but if we don't have some special duty we have to study, clean our rifles, etc. Although I haven't been here very long yet, it is obvious that we will all be busy boys. In addition, most of us in this battery will soon start taking the Math refresher course from 6 - 8 p.m. 4 nights a week....The firing range for the A.A. guns is right on the Pacific and Sunday I got a chance to see some marines (a marine training center adjoins the camp) firing a 40 mm gun at a

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## FCA SERVICE MEN

Each soldier in this flag represents an FCA Service Man.



## New FCA Men to Service:

Caldwell, Kenneth E.	Jordan, Robert C.
Williams, Glen M.	Barber, John H.
Uhlenhop, William B.	Martin, Harry E.
Trowbridge, Robert E.	

# Strictly Personal



Solicitor's Office. Kenneth B. Wallace, attorney, and Mrs. Juanita Shields, both of K.C. have been added to our staff.... Ethel Bretches transferred to the War Department at Independence, Kansas.... That happy face is due to the diamond on the third finger, left hand of Gertrude Albrecht....Leanore Haslup spent 2 weeks in Denver and on a nearby farm.... Virginia Jones visited friends in Pennsylvania and Washington...."Judge" Hulbert was a recent visitor in our offices.

Stenographic. Mrs. Helen Hofer recently resigned from FCA to join her husband in Michigan....Mrs. McClurg's father-in-law is a welcome visitor in the McClurg household these days. His home is in Wisconsin....Imogene Caldwell returned recently from a visit with relatives and friends in Fayetteville, Arkansas.... Mrs. Muriel Koll left Feb. 3 for a 2-week

vacation to be spent with relatives in New Orleans.....Feb. 3 was Nigel Graham's last day with FCA. He is now in the U. S. Marines.....Elsie Prevo is a welcome newcomer to our Section.

Cooperative Division. Dorwin Scott is recuperating from an appendectomy.....Lee Van is now hospitalized.....Alma Day spent a few days in Chicago.....Lucille Contor left for San Francisco for 2 weeks with her husband, who is on furlough from battles in the Pacific.....Milton Clark leaves for a well-earned vacation.

E&CR. Elinor Frederick has left to join the WAAC's. She is now stationed at Fort Des Moines, Iowa.....Evelyn Norris left for Washington, D. C., where she has accepted a position in the General Accounting Office.....Barbara Massey and Catherine Higner are new additions to our division.....Flavia Livick enjoyed a visit to her home in Mound Valley, Kansas. Her brother who is stationed at Camp Young, Calif., was also home.....Mrs. Goldberger has returned to work after a recent illness.....Dorothy Heckman spent last weekend in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Tabulation. Marjorie Shannon is one of the many new persons in FCA.....Pauline Hanshaw is spending her vacation with her fiance, Sgt. Alfred H. Norton, who is stationed at Fort Hayes, Ohio.....Shirley Lupton has gone back to Washington where she is now working in the Liaison Office.. Ilo Marong's husband is spending a few weeks at home on furlough before going to officers' candidate school at Fort Monmouth, New Jersey.

General Files. Ruth Lamar has transferred to the U. S. Engineers of the War Department.....On January 20, a dinner was given by the girls of the General Files Section at the Southern Mansion.....Mr. & Mrs. J. R. De Grafinreid spent the weekend at Bagnell Dam.....Nita Wells spent the weekend at the Pi Beta Phi Sorority house in

Lawrence, Kansas.....Arthur Barnes is stationed at St. Petersburg, Florida.....Bernice Mann, formerly of this Section has joined her husband who is stationed at Salina, Kansas.....Mrs. Fred Ruth's husband, who has been in training at Great Lakes is home on a furlough.....Virgil Bowen is now attending the Signal Corps school here in K. C.....Jack Ellis is now in Ft. Leavenworth.....Eva Jane Fick became engaged on January 29 to Technician Cpl. Peter Wolnyk

Personnel. Virginia Beisel of CR&S is spending her vacation in K.C. and she dropped in recently to bring us greetings from our Washington friends.....Helen McAuliffe has left for an extended trip to her home in Washington, D. C.....Margaret Gallagher was glad to see a Japanese college friend Shizu Abe, who stopped in K.C. for a few days on her way to New York City.....Nell Mellott had some good firsthand news of Washington when her former roommate, Sally Foster, visited here in K.C. for a week.....Virginia Murrell was honored recently by a visit from Lt. Al Koch of Ft. Patrick Henry, Georgia.....Elbert W. Smith is now a full-fledged professor, having concluded teaching the course in Public Personnel Administration at the University of K.C.....Mr. & Mrs. Robert C. Coulter proudly announce the arrival of little Robert C. Coulter, Jr.

Finance & Accounts. Mr. Light's pool, Mr. Bark's office, and F&A supply room have been moved down to room 1260 to make room for the expansion of the RACC of Washington.....Corrine Matter spent the weekend at her home.....Robert Beach was presented with a pen and pencil set at a party in his honor. He has been commissioned as First Lieutenant in the Marines.....Leville McFadden was inducted into the army at Ft. Crook Feb. 9 and Alice McFadden has gone to her home in Iowa.....Hazel Putnam is a newcomer to Mr. Bark's office.. Selma Rocke of the Bond and Cash Section has returned to Washington, D. C., accepting a position in the Solicitors Office,

Department of Agriculture.....Morrill M. Murphy, formerly of the Reports Section, is now going to the Tank Destroyers Officers Candidate School at Camp Hood, Texas.

Planning. Dick Prewitt was presented with a watch before he left for the Army Air Corps.

Revolving Fund. Mr. F. C. Bassen has accepted a position with the Reconstruction Finance Corporation in Washington, D. C. and leaves Kansas City this week.... Miss Joyce O'Neal was guest at a luncheon given at the Terrace Grill of Hotel Muehlbach on Saturday Feb. 6th. The occasion was in honor of her approaching marriage which will be solemnized Feb. 14th. Those present were: Wilma Atkinson, Helen Colling, Beatrice Flick, Alma Hughes, Frances Lazerow, Bernice Meuers and Joyce O'Neal.

Production credit. Emma Lou Peake is visiting her sister in Washington, D.C.... Margaret Frew spent last weekend visiting friends in Topeka.

#### OUR WASHINGTON REPORTER

CR&S welcomes a new messenger, Robert Gosselin.....Also we are glad to have Mrs. Lupton and Miss Epps with us - transfers from K. C.....Saw George Arnold on Pennsylvania Avenue the other day and he said that the army finally got Stanley O'Donnell - now at Camp Meade!....Note: Glad to see that the "Join the FCA and see the USA" rumors are being squelched! You have no idea how those come in here - the old grapevine system really works - although garbling is quite rampant - as usually is the case in rumors.....Miss Grace McGerr and Mr. Fugitt dropped in the office to say hello and bring us greetings from Kansas City. What are all the rumors (here we go again) about the Personnel girls going the SPARS? Wish them all the best anyway.....Dr. Gordon Sprague,

Miss Flossie Holt, Miss Gertrude Foelsch, and Mrs. Pearle Haag have transferred from CR&S to Foreign Agricultural Relations.....Mrs. Minnie Whelan will be leaving us soon for FDA - also Mr. J. H. Heckman and Mr. Ben King for the same organization.

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sleeve target. It sure was thrilling to see the tracers go curving up toward the sleeve. The emphasis so far has been on infantry drill, of course, but later we'll get a chance to shoot the A.A. guns and handle the lights. Our classes on plane identification have already started so we'll know what to shoot and not to shoot.

Pete Massaro. Everyone here (North Africa) talks French, kids, women, men, Arabs, Moslems, and what have you. Most speak Spanish also but when you speak in Italian, whether it's because they are at war or what, they shut up and shake their heads. But Spanish and Italian are very much alike and with the use of a few words and a lot of arm waving - you know I'm good at that - I have managed so far to get along. There is an abundance of fruit here such as oranges, tangerines, dates, nuts, etc. I've eaten so many oranges and tangerines that the days the sun doesn't shine, all I do is walk around and that old Vitamin D just lights up the whole place.

Another thing here is the money. We are using francs, although we get paid American loot. It is almost all paper with the 5-franc note being the smallest and blossoming out to 20 Fr., 50 Fr., 100 Fr., 500 Fr., 1000 Fr., etc. For a buck you get 75 Fr. The size of a 5 Fr. note is about 5" x 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ ". The 20 Fr. is about 5" x 8". When you get \$10 exchanged to 750 Fr. you sure have a handful, pocketful, and

barrelful of loot.

There is one thing the American soldier doesn't like about this part of the country, especially after he has sobered up, and that is the wine. I don't know whether water is scarce or not but everybody drinks it. You can get red, black, white, Vermouth, or what have you from about 6 Frs. a bottle to whatever they can get off of you and I've seen some guys get an awful rooking.

The one thing about this country is that the people think we are all Fords or Rockefellers. They don't care what price they put for an article. You know me, tho. As soon as they quote one price I've already formed my own and then the dickering and bargaining starts. They love to bargain and 9 out of 10 times if you persist, they will give in.

#### McNAMEE IS NEW CLUB PRESIDENT

W. J. McNamee has been elected president of the Farm Credit Club by the directors in accordance with bylaws of the club. A. J. Fugitt, formerly president, has resigned from the Club in connection with his transfer to the Divisional Examination Office at Philadelphia.

Bill McNamee helped organize the Club back in the days when there was no employees' club. He has been engaged in Club activities ever since. After a 2-year stay in the field he promptly resumed Club work as director upon his return to the central office.

The Board has elected W. S. Harris to fill the directorship left vacant by Bill McNamee.

#### VICTORY GARDEN COMMITTEE NOW DOING SPADEWORK

A Victory Garden Committee has been appointed by the Club to help Victory

Gardeners in every way possible. The committee, composed of Irvin S. Dyke, Chairman, H. W. Mumford, and W. S. Harris, has orders in the mail for several hundred seed catalogs and gardening handbooks. A Victory Garden reading and distribution table will be made available in the Fourteenth Street Lobby.

#### SADDLE YOUR HOBBYHORSE

Every once in a while somebody asks "When are we going to have another Hobby Show?" A lot of those wonderful exhibits can't be here this time. There won't be any of Willie Fairfax's 900 dolls. A lot of those antiques are still in Washington. There won't be any homing pigeons, probably, but "W.P.K.'s" collection of girls' handkerchiefs should be considerably larger. The persons who have never exhibited before will more than make up for those who can not give a repeat performance.

Soldiers, arrange with your friends to exhibit for you. Send us curios, mementos, souvenirs, and be with us at the second Farm Credit Club Hobby Show.

#### BOOKS FOR SOLDIERS

A 2-months campaign ending March 5 is under way to collect books for our fighting men. In 1942 11,000,000 books were contributed during the Victory Book Campaign.

The books you bring in may deal with the war, peace, current topics, biography, or technical information. They may entertain, inspire, or illuminate. Your books will be a part of our fighting equipment contributing morale or information. Only books in first-class physical condition can be used.

Americans are not anxious to make insignificant sacrifices. They are willing to make sacrifices, though they want to be sure that these sacrifices are worth while. The final test to be applied for selection

of your books will be as follows:

"Any book you really want to keep is a good one to give."

Paul L. Rapp, chairman of the Library Committee of the Farm Credit Club, will be in charge of the campaign. Any questions or suggestions may be addressed to him. A Victory Book table will be placed in the Fourteenth Street Lobby to receive your books. (PLR)

#### CREDIT UNION DIRECTORS ORGANIZE

At the organization meeting of the directors of the FCA Employees Federal Credit Union the following officers were elected for the coming year:

John B. Muller, Jr., President  
F. D. Van Sant, Vice President  
John W. D. Fowler, Treasurer  
Eleanor Ferguson, Clerk

Gray W. Hume, Jr., was elected chairman of the Supervisory Committee, and Irvin S. Dyke was elected chairman of the Credit Committee.

#### GET YOUR CREDIT UNION DIVIDEND

The annual dividend on credit union shares for 1942 is now being posted in the members' passbooks. If you haven't already done so, leave your passbook at the credit union office to have the dividend posted and for audit by the Supervisory Committee.

Some members have made deposits on a \$5.00 share totaling as much as \$4.75. Deposits of this amount or less are not eligible for dividends, so all credit union members should make every effort to round out their deposits to a full share to get them on a dividend-earning basis. (MP)

#### NEW BOOKS AT THE CLUB LIBRARY

Suggestions sent to Lowell Collins on FCA operations included a welcome suggestion

for the Grapevine: publication of a list of new additions to the Club Library. Here they are:

#### Fiction

The Guant Woman by Edmund Gilligan  
Mrs. Parkington by Louis Bromfield  
The Case of the Smoking Chimney by Erle Stanley Gardner  
She Died a Lady by Carter Dickson  
The Shudders by Anthony Abbott  
Murder Down Under by Arthur W. Upfield  
Don't Catch Me by Richard Powell  
A Circle in the Water by Helen Hull  
The Dark Woman by Percival Christopher Wren  
Happy Land by MacKinlay Kantor  
Alias the Dead by George Harmon Coxe  
The Niece of Abraham Pein by J. H. Wallis  
Down Among the Dead Men by Stewart Sterling  
Night Shift by Maritta Wolff

#### Non Fiction

Guadalcanal Diary by Richard Tregaskis  
They Were Expendable by W. L. White

#### "WAGS" STUDY AUXILIARIES

The January meeting of the Farm Credit Club "WAGS" took place at the Hyde Park Hotel Thursday, January 28, featuring a discussion of women's auxiliaries in the armed services. Gertrude Foerster and Roberta Hendee informed their listeners about the organization and activities of the WAVES, the SPARS, the WAACS, and the WIRES. Ten members and five visitors were present.

The next meeting, scheduled for February 25, will have for its topic: "Reaching Every Family with War Messages." Leaders will be Marie Fuhr and Barbara Van Houlen. (RSH)

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## JACK FULLERTON'S HOG PROJECT MAKES HEADLINES

Jack Fullerton of the Graphic and Duplicating Section is getting Nation-wide publicity on his credit-union financed hog project.

Jack's hog project is featured under the title "Loan-for-Pigs" in the January-February issue of "Cooperative Saving" published by the Credit Union Section of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation. It states that "James J. (Jack) Fullerton is one employee of the Department of Agriculture who is exemplifying the Dept's Food-for-Freedom program. And he is doing it with the help of his credit union." Jack's picture, with part of his pigs, all that could be gotten on one picture, accompanies the article.

Jack presently is working on another pig project and also has 300 chickens besides.  
(MF)

### A LETTER TO SANTA CLAUS

At sweet sixteen I first began  
To ask you, Santa, for a man.  
At seventeen you will recall  
I wanted someone strong and tall.  
At Christmas when I reached eighteen  
I fancied someone hard and lean,  
And then at nineteen I was sure  
I'd fall for someone more mature.  
At twenty I still thought I'd find  
Romance in someone with a mind.  
I retrogressed at twenty-one  
And found the college boys most fun.  
My viewpoint changed at twenty-two -  
I longed for someone who'd be true.  
I broke my heart at twenty-three,  
And asked for someone kind to me.  
Then begged at blase twenty-four  
For any one who wouldn't bore.  
Now, Santa, that I'm twenty-five -  
Just send me someone who's alive.  
(ANON)

# Sportlight



February 1 - Graphic moved to within six games of Mortgage Corporation by beating Land Bank in the odd game. Ritter and Jones, with 489 and 477, starred for Graphic, while Menk's 177-511 was high for Land Bank. Thomson and Brownell, with 496 and 480, led Legal to a clean sweep over Reports, Warren Thompson pacing Reports with 187-531. Personnel, Cooperative, F&A, and Accounts won two games from Files, Mort. Corp., Admin., and Field Acctg. Pitts, with 220-496, won the odd game for Personnel, while Kowalski's 213-512 saved one game for Files. Frazee and Steffey, with 416 and 414, led Coop. to its two-game win over the league-leading Corporation team. Fowler again starred for Corporation with 211-553. Bark's and McGee's 477 and 450 enabled F&A to take the odd game from Admin., while McClurg's 482 was high for Admin. Dellinger's 181-502 paced Accounts to two wins over Field Acctg. Rall's 181-476 saved one game for his team.

February 8 - With Bill Mason's fine 193-502 leading the way, Accounts had the honor of blanking Mort. Corp. for the first time this season and cut their lead to five games. Carnes and Fowler, with 506 and 496, were high for Corporation. Coop. moved into a third place tie with Field Acctg. by winning three games from F&A. Sanders and Bark led their respective teams with 519 and 501. Legal, paced by Selby and Thomson with 486 and 482, won the odd game from Field Acctg. Rall's 196-508 kept Field Acctg. from being blanked. An improved Files team took the odd game from Graphic. Schlick led Files with 173-490, while Weinberg's 187-504

saved one game for Graphic. Land Bank and Admin. clipped Personnel and Reports for a pair of wins. Menk's big 222-575 helped Land Bank win the odd game from Personnel. Pitts and Kelly starred for Personnel with 449 and 440. Simonds paced Admin. in their two-game win over Reports with 195-544, while Hein and Jacomet, with 541 and 528, helped win one game for Reports.

#### Team Standings

<u>Team</u>	<u>Won</u>	<u>Lost</u>	<u>Total Pins</u>
Mortgage Corporation	40	20	44,618
Graphic	35	25	41,839
Field Accounting	31	29	40,718
Cooperative	31	29	38,533
Legal	30	30	43,714
Land Bank	29	31	42,570
Personnel	29	31	40,301
Administrative	28	32	44,214
Accounts	28	32	42,662
Finance & Accounts	28	32	42,381
Reports	27	33	46,293
Files	25	35	41,669

#### Records

H.T.G. - Reports	932
H.T.S. - Graphic	2,491
H.I.G. - McWhirt	234
H.I.S. - Morrison	598

#### Averages

Fowler	171-52	Thomson, G.	163-36
Menk	171-35	Hein	163-24
McClurg	167-19	Prewitt	163-16

#### FCA WOMEN'S BOWLING LEAGUE

Administrative tightened their hold on first place by a clean sweep over Central Office Accounting. Stefan's 437 was high for the night. Paced by Molz' 153-422, Examination took three from Long-Term Credit. Nelson's 156-428 lead the Stenogs to a triple win over Audit. Personnel and General Files were odd game

winners over Bond & Cash and Cooperative, respectively. Rech's 173 was high 10 for the night. Finance & Accounts posted a double win over Short-Term Credit

#### Team Standings

<u>Team</u>	<u>Won</u>	<u>Lost</u>	<u>Total Pins</u>
Administrative	43	17	35,213
Central Office Acctg.	37	23	36,262
Examination	37	23	33,117
Personnel	35	25	34,791
Stenographic	35	25	33,489
Audit	32	28	31,524
Cooperative	31	29	32,284
Bond & Cash	29	31	31,364
Short-Term Credit	25	35	31,784
Long-Term Credit	21	39	31,499
General Files	19	41	28,464
Finance & Accounts	16	44	30,409

#### Records

H.T.G. - Personnel	723
H.T.S. - Examination	2,051
H.I.G. - Albrecht	214
H.I.S. - McGee	507

#### Averages

Ruch	140.28	Bark	139.22
McGee	139.38	Nelsen	135.39

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Breathes there a man with soul so dead  
Who never to himself hath said,  
As he stumped his toe against the bed  
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